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Schimek, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments to LB 628.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise and I will be brief. I just want to remind you that the Brashear amendment now becomes the committee amendment as amended by the two Coordsen amendments. And I...I would like to say that I think that this...these amendments that have come along have gone a long ways to protecting the three interests that we have here. We have the individual citizen as one of the interests; we have the county officials as another interest; and we have the media as a third interest. And perhaps you could even add public decision-making bodies as a fourth interest. But I think the discussion has been very good. I think that I sense that Senator Brashear is open to discussing any of these questions, and I would just encourage you to move this...to adopt this amendment and to move this bill then to Select File. And with that, I would thank you very much and I will return my time to the Chair, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 628. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The committee amendments are agreed to. Debate on the advancement of LB 628? Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. President. Could I ask Senator Brashear a question, please?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, would you yield?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR ROBAK: Yes, I had sent a Page down to get my file. I didn't have it with me this morning and I'm trying to remember off the top of my head. But I did get letters in opposition to this, and I thought maybe for the record you could tell me so